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Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 20
Reporting Period May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018
Operable Unit 3
Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site
Warren County, New Jersey

Dear Pohatcong Consent Decree Notice Recipients:

On behalf of Pechiney Plastics Packaging, Inc. (PPPI), the Primary Settling Defendant for the Remedial Design/Remedial Action Consent Decree (CD)¹, this monthly progress report is submitted in compliance with section X, paragraph 30 of the CD and section IV.A of the Statement of Work for Remedial Design and Remedial Action for Operable Unit 3 (OU3 SOW)² of the Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination Superfund (PVGCS) Site. As required by

¹ In the matter of United States of America v. PPPI (Civil Action No. 09-cv-05692) and United States of America v. Bristol Myers Squibb Company, et. al. (Civil Action No. 13-cv-05798) effective March 11, 2015.

² Pursuant to Section VI. Paragraph 12.c(1) of the CD, USEPA approval of the OU3 SOW was received on June 26, 2017.

the OU3 SOW, this report provides a description of the actions and activities undertaken pursuant to the CD during this reporting period and plans, actions and data scheduled in the next eight weeks.

Actions Taken toward Compliance with Consent Decree, including Community Relations

The following activities were performed during this reporting period:

- Pre-Design Investigation (PDI) drilling activities in accordance with the USEPA-approved *Remedial Design Work Plan for OU3* were initiated at the site during a prior reporting period on March 9, 2018. Advancement and sampling of soil borings was performed throughout May 2018 and is ongoing.
- The Monthly Progress Report for OU3 for the April 2018 reporting period was submitted to the USEPA in correspondence dated May 10, 2018.
- The replacement of POHMW12 with POHMW12R was completed between May 17, 2018 and May 22, 2018.
- Installation of SVE wells and vapor monitoring points in support of the planned SVE pilot testing activities was initiated on May 7, 2018 and is ongoing.

Problems Encountered, Actions Taken and Their Resolutions

The following problems were encountered during this reporting period:

- None.

Analytical Results and Data Received During the Reporting Period

The following analytical data were received during this reporting period:

- Soil analytical data for the samples collected from the PDI soil borings was received.

Modifications to the OU3 Work Plans or Schedules

The following modifications to Work Plans for OU3 or other schedules proposed to USEPA were submitted during this reporting period:

- None.

Anticipated Plans, Actions and Data Scheduled, including Community Relations (during the Next 8 weeks)

The following activities are planned for the next eight weeks:

- Drilling activities for the PDI activities that are being performed in accordance with the *Remedial Design Work Plan* will continue.
- SVE well installation activities will continue and the SVE pilot test will be performed.
- Installation of deep groundwater monitoring well POHMW49 will be initiated.

Estimate of the Percentage of the Work Completed

The following provides a qualified estimate of the percentage of the Work required by the CD that has been completed through this reporting period:

- Approximately 5% of the work required under the OU3 SOW has been completed to date.

Delays Encountered or Anticipated, and Efforts Taken to Mitigate

The following delays were encountered during this reporting period:

- None.

Closing

Pursuant to section X, paragraph.30 of the CD, three hard copies of this monthly progress report have been submitted to the designated recipients. If you have any questions or comments regarding this monthly progress report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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